

**PUBLIC NOTICE \* PUBLIC NOTICE**

30-Day Public Scoping Period  
USDA Forest Service  
Tahoe National Forest  
Yuba River Ranger District  
Nevada County, California

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project**

The Yuba River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) is seeking comments during a 30-day public scoping comment period on the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)-proposed Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project. The project area is located about 7 miles northwest of Soda Springs, California, and 15.5 miles west-northwest of Truckee, California.

The Project would involve construction activities at Lake Fordyce Dam to mitigate water seepage through the dam and improvements to the only access road between Hampshire Rocks Road and Lake Fordyce Dam to enable construction vehicles and equipment to access the dam. Some improvements would occur on Forest Service roads, and PG&E has submitted an application to the Tahoe National Forest (for a special use permit to improve the roads that are part of the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS)). The TNF proposes to issue a special use permit (SUP) to PG&E to authorize improvements to the NFTS roads. If you would like more details of this project go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project?project=56921>.

The project area includes lands owned by PG&E (the dam and area surrounding Lake Fordyce), the Forest Service (segments of the access roads), and other private owners (segments of the access roads). Between Hampshire Rocks Road and Lake Fordyce Dam, the access roads that may need to be improved include Rattlesnake Road, also known as Forest Road 85; Forest Road 85 02; and 85 02 01. Forest Road 85 02 and 85 02 01 are known as "Lake Fordyce Road." Segments of Rattlesnake Road and Lake Fordyce Road are within the NFS. Activities that would be authorized under the Special Use Permit by the Forest Service would occur in Nevada County in Section 20 of Township 17N, Range 13E; Section 16 of Township 17N, Range 13E; and Section 10 of Township 17N, Range 13E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The Responsible Official intends to use an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential environmental impacts. As such, this project will be subject to 36 CFR 218 Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Parts A and B). Individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during any designated opportunity for public comment, including this 30-day scoping period, may file an objection.

If you have information that is specific to this proposed action that you feel the Forest Service and PG&E may not be aware of, or feel you have issues (points of dispute, debate, or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed actions, those comments should be submitted to: Alonzo Henderson, District Ranger, Care of Bill Martin at AECOM, 300 Lakeside Drive, Suite 400, Oakland, CA 94601. The office business hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtt), or Word (.doc) to [bill.h.martin@aecom.com](mailto:bill.h.martin@aecom.com) or by mail to Alonzo Henderson, C/O Bill Martin at the address above.

Please submit your comments within 30 days after publication of the scoping legal notice in Grass Valley's The Union newspaper. Please contact Heather Newell, Forest Service Project coordinator, if you have questions or would like additional information at 530-288-3232; email: [heather.newell@usda.gov](mailto:heather.newell@usda.gov)

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